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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, and concurrently with the filing of a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue and a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated September 9, 2008 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-315814, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2001-074647 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (2) JP 2001-200838 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same, and which is a patent family member of US 6,447,167 and US 2002/0164096;

- (3) JP 2001-242079 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (4) JP 3-026443 U.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action., a copy of which is attached.

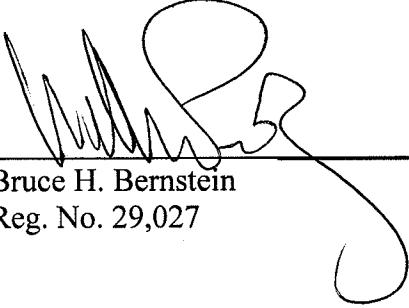
Applicants note that above-noted document (4) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on March 31, 2004, and has been indicated as considered by the Examiner. Thus, a copy of document (4) is not provided herewith.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, with the exception of document (4), are attached hereto, and all of the documents, with the exception of document (4), are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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